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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JP VIEWS ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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1. DEVELOPMENTS DURING PAST TEN DAYS CONNECTED WITH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION APPEAR TO HAVE CONVINCEDK LOCAL JP LEADERS THAT MILITARY WILL NOT RPT NOT INTERVENE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. IZMIR PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN, HALIL UNALP, DESCRIBED IMPASSE OVER SELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT TO US AS INDICATION OF MATURATION OF TURKISH DEMOCRACY. ACCORDING TO UNALP, CONTROVERSY AND CRITICISM OF DELAY IN CHOOSING

PRESIDENT STEMS FROM AGITATION BY PRESS AND QTE INTELLECTUALS UNQTE. IN UNALP' S OPINION, VAST MAJORITY OF NATION EITHER VIEWS SITUATION WITH TOLERATION OR TOTAL DISINTEREST.

2. UNALP EXPRESSED OPINION TO US ON MAR 23 THAT JP WOULD STICKSWITH ARIBURUN WHEN JP REJOINED PRESIDEN-
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TIAL BALLOTING, BUT THAT AGREEMENT WITH RPP ON
COMPROMISE CANDIDATE WAS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. HE
WAS EMPHATIC, HOWEVER, THAT GURLER WOULD NOT BE
ELECTED. UNALP SHOWED NO ENTHUSIASM FOR EARLY
GENERAL ELCTION.

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